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National Security and
International Affairs Division

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The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Webster:

We have been requested by the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa and the Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities to review the current and planned use of Kamina Air Base in Zaire. The work will be performed under assignment code 463762 and will begin in Washington on or about November 1987.

Our review will include such issues as the U.S. government's requirements for this facility, the current access arrangements, the condition of the facility, any construction plans and their costs, the political considerations and the legal issues involved with use of this facility, and other countries use or activities at this facility.

Mr. Stewart L. Tomlinson, Group Director in the National Security and International Affairs Division's Security and International Relations Group, is responsible for conducting this assignment. He or members of his staff will contact your designated representative to discuss their needs further as the scope of this review is developed. In the meantime, if you have further questions, they can be reached on 695-1713.

We have also notified other U.S. government agencies and departments of this review. Your assistance in making the necessary information available to complete this assignment will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Kelley
Associate Director

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